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Hello Everyone,

I'm happy to see that my Op-Ed is smoking out all the fanatical Global Warmers. But it is sad to see that two chemists from Reed College are so involved in the hysteria that they do not know even the most basic facts about our climate. That is not the Reed College I once knew!

The cooling over the last decade has been well documented by all four major global temperature compilations, the superior satellite data as well as the problematical surface station data. But no discussion of global temperature is complete unless the oceans are also considered because even an elementary calculation shows that they contain the vast majority of mobile heat on earth. Alarmists avoid discussion of this because the ARGO array of deep-sea diving buoys has reported a slight decline in the global ocean temperature over the last six years. That is COMPLETELY at odds with all climate models.

If they want to talk about the atmosphere, they need to mention that all the climate models predict a "hot spot" in the tropical troposphere that is not observed. This severely limits the theoretical effects of greenhouse gases whatever they claim.

Drs. Glasfeld and Fry are clearly into "consensus science" which is "politicized science" not real science. They like the fact that the political leadership of major scientific societies has been Alarmist for a long while. That is easy to understand because that is where the money is. The Feds have poured about \$79 billion dollars into Global Warming "research" and made it available to all who say "I believe." But are they aware of a major revolt at the American Physical Society led by Professor of Physics William Happer from Princeton University?

If they want to quote the heavily politicized UN IPCC, they should at least get the name correct. It is the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. They should not edit out the "government" from the title because it is definitely a political body far more than a scientific one. Don't they know that the vast majority of the scientists who send their results to the IPCC have no say in its conclusions and frequently express dismay with them. Yes, they got the Nobel Peace Prize along with Al Gore. But so did the unrepentant terrorist Yassar Arafat.

As to the Greenland ice cap, the essential information is that it has thickened in the middle and melted a little around the edges. This is similar to what it did during the Medieval Warm Period when the Vikings were able to establish settlements along the coast but were forced to abandon their settlements when the weather turned viciously colder. Some never made it out alive. One Viking cemetery is today frozen in permafrost, indicating that it is still colder than in the Medieval Warm Period.

The melting of Greenland around the edges and the melting of Arctic sea ice are caused by warmer Atlantic water coming farther north than usual. NASA scientists at JPL announced in 2007 that they had discovered the reason for the melting of more sea ice and it had nothing to do with global warming: a reversal in the circulation of the Arctic Ocean.

Mountain glaciers in Europe and probably in North America began receding as the Little Ice Age receded starting around 1830. The greatest shrinkage in North America over the last 100 years occurred in the Dust Bowl era of the 1930's.

But have all glaciers shrunk? Glasfeld and Fry fail to mention that the glaciers on Mt Shasta have INCREASED by 30% over the last quarter century. Some small glaciers in the High Sierras have also increased in that time frame. What is going on? The likely explanation is shifting precipitation patterns.

As to the massive Northern Hemisphere snow cover these past two winters, readers can see for themselves by going to the University of Illinois "Cryosphere Today" web-site. Did it not snow at Reed College this last Christmas? Did Glasfeld and Fry miss the fastest refreezing of the Arctic Ocean EVER observed last October?

I realize that Glasfeld and Fry have no background in geology but they should read some of the work of Professor Bob Carter. If they did, they would realize that the earth came out of the last ice age about 10,000 years ago, reaching "Climate Optimum" of this Holocene period. Since then, the earth's temperature has slowly declined (with notable excursions above and below the mean). This decline is usually attributed to an advancing Milankovitch Cycle. That means we are approaching the end of this short period between ice ages. All those who see warmth as bad should look at the ice core data one more time. During at least the last million years, the earth has been gripped by ice ages 90% of the time. Glaciers did not cover Oregon during the last ice age, but they did cover about half of Washington State.

As I remember, Dr. Glasfeld was the same one who attacked my Op-Ed in the Oregonian last year. He came up with the amazing argument that I should not have referenced a discovery of one group of scientists because they still professed belief in Global Warming although their work on ice cores from Antarctica did much to disprove it. They showed that CO2 lagged temperature by about 800 years. That is a very inconvenient truth for Alarmists. But it is novel to argue that someone who discovers something has to fully appreciate what he has discovered. Should we not reference Christopher Columbus as the one who discovered America just because he did not fully appreciate what he had discovered? Of course not!

Glasfeld and Fry will come out swinging whenever anyone questions their orthodoxy. But science is not a religion. It is long past time to give up beliefs that cannot be supported by real scientific evidence. Blustering to cover up the lack of evidence will not work anymore.

Spending \$79 billion dollars without results is outrageous. Teaching young scientists that the way to be successful is to promote hysteria is even more outrageous.

It is time to say: NO MORE TAXPAYER MONEY for climate hysteria!

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